

we enjoyed the hospitality of Sister Albaugh, who has our thanks for her kindness. We also received valuable assistance from brother John Nicholson and Sister Showalter and her family.

Our next stop was with sister Laura Slotter at North Ontario. In this family, as in many others in California and elsewhere, the women do the religious work and the men attend to secular affairs. In the Slotter family this system is strictly adhered to and each department is well observed. They are all well and prosperous, except Mr. Slotter who is in delicate health, but manages to maintain a cheerful disposition. We also visited our friends I. S. Miller and wife at Ontario. Mrs. Miller was one of the printers of the *Christian Family Companion*. She was then Miss Linda M. Will. They have a very pleasant home which they share hospitably with their friends. Ontario is very appropriately called the "model colony."

And now we come to speak of a place of which too much cannot easily be said, and I am not being paid for saying what I do, it is called Los Angeles—the city of Angels. Here we had time only to visit the Livengood family, altho we have other friends and acquaintances in the city which we would have been pleased to call upon. Mrs. Livengood also formerly worked for us in the printing business at Berlin, Pa., and Ashland, Ohio. Brother Livengood is a brother to Sister Gnagey of the EVANGELIST family, so we had another opportunity of delivering messages of love from the east. My enfeebled condition prevented me from viewing the city as much as I desired to do; but indications of improvement were to be observed on every hand. Brother Livengood found time to accompany us to Pasadena, and treated us to a carriage drive thro the magnificent Orange Grove avenue. This is the most elegant street I believe that I have ever seen. It is said that no one can secure a title to a lot on this avenue unless he guarantees that he will erect thereon a \$10,000 house. We had the pleasure of spending a few hours with sister Henry J. Frantz, formerly of Ocoya, Ill., but lately of Wellington, Kansas. She resides at 525 Cypress Avenue. She came to Pasadena to take care of her daughter Minnie (Mrs. Hieronimus) who died last fall leaving three small children. Sister Frantz has been having some sad experience in the past three years, but she knows in whom she has relief.

On Friday afternoon, Feb. 23rd, we landed safely at the end of our long and tiresome journey at Lathrop, Calif. We were met at the depot by Brother and Sister Beer, Brother Shively and sister Mary Artz, and conducted to the home of Brother Beer. It was some time before I could realize that I was indeed alive and in California with them. I am, at this writing, fully satisfied and reconciled to the fact of my existence and the place of my habitation. Life seems real and somewhat earnest, too, since we can say we are at home. We are comforta-

bly domiciled and conveniently located, adjoining lot with the church, near the post-office, not far from the pastor of the church, in a good neighborhood. And those of our friends who were so solicitous about our going into a strange country will be happy to learn that we are among "old friends." Here are brother J. W. Beer, whom we have known for thirty odd years and with whom we were associated in business for several years; sister Mary Artz (sister of brother Isaac Kilhefner, of blessed memory among the Brethren) and her family; sister Lizzie (Kilhefner) Wolfe, another of his sisters; sister Emma (Miller) Wolfe, to whom I was pastor at Tiosa, Ind., twelve years ago; and brother Martin Shively, pastor of the church, who is my son in the gospel, having adopted him way back in Indiana, more than a decade ago. Besides I was pastor of this, Lathrop, church myself during 1888 and 1889, and I have a number of native friends in this church as good and faithful as any that can be imported.

We are in good company. We only regret that this world is so large that our friends must be scattered so far apart; but since it must be so, we are happy that we are able to circulate among them more generally than is the privilege of many more healthy, wealthy and wiser people, for which we are indebted to the good Lord and our many kind friends. We are surrounded by another class of friends that make my heart glad: my books, many of which I had not seen for several years. We, my books and I, have a room all to ourselves, and tho humbly furnished, we are happy in each other. Brother Beer and I are already busy at work on the History of the Tunkers, of which more by and by.

H. R. HOLSINGER.

Lathrop, Cal.

Johnstown, Pa.

The series of meetings here has brought 22 into the church so far with 3 applicants for baptism. There were 17 baptisms and 5 by relation. Rev. H. W. Hollebaugh and wife came with us, seeking freedom from the traditions of man. Brother Hollebaugh is a thorough Bible student and, having the most of his life before him will no doubt be a sturdy defender of the faith. He has that good recommendation a good name and good influence "and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus."

The outlook here continues good, the widening field of influence and the fast ripening harvests, while a source of great joy is also adding to the responsibility of each member as well as the church as a whole. Oh that we may be able to improve our multiplied opportunities.

We were very happily surprised on the 15th when we came home from business meeting to find that the members had not gone "straight home," but had stopped at their pastor's, and left such substantial tokens of their good will, that my boys wanted to start a store. Best of all is the continued

confidence and fellowship, so encouraging and helpful in the work of saving souls. We thank you for your kind words for our Sunday school. The school has many very earnest workers, both teachers and scholars. Then it is being improved each year, Brother Trent, our superintendent, is gradually grading the school and while we may not increase any more rapidly in numbers, the results of thorough work is apparent in all departments. The Home Department was added during the last year with sister Sarah Cobough as superintendent, and is supplying not only a means of study to those who can not come to the school but is the entering wedge for the school and church into new homes. We write the above in no boastful strain, we know in how many ways we fail, but that it might help someone else.

E. E. HASKINS.

Mulvane, Kan.

We appreciate the weekly visit of the EVANGELIST to our home, for it truly brings good tidings. Every home in the brotherhood should take the EVANGELIST. We are going to remember our motto for this year. (The EVANGELIST in every home.) And also comply with the request of the editor in giving a brief sketch of our work as a class once a month. Our last two or three counsel meetings have been very poorly attended on account of the very cold weather which has waved over this part of the west, bringing with it much lagrippe and pneumonia. We look for more sunshine in the future. Just closed a two weeks' meeting, had good attention and some favorable results, but no accessions.

Some said the apostolic mode of baptism (trine immersion) was something new to them and that it looked reasonable, and they would investigate the scriptures on the subject. That is what we want to get the people to do, investigate our doctrine. It is the Bible doctrine and will stand the investigation. While the oldest, to some it is new. Remember us.

L. G. WOOD.

Conemaugh, Pa.

We recently closed a five weeks' meeting resulting in thirteen immediate accessions to the church. Much of my time was taken up during the day in securing evidence and taking depositions against two applicants for liquor license in our town. Hence I did but very little work in behalf of our meeting outside of the pulpit. We claim a victory in thirteen accessions and no saloons in our town the coming year. This town has not been without a saloon for about forty years. Not many years ago this town had five saloons and one church. Last year we had six churches and one saloon, and this year we will have six churches and no saloon. Praise the Lord. This month closes my five years' work at this place. On April 1, we begin our sixth years' work here. We ask the prayers of all God's dear children in behalf of the good cause.

J. F. KOONTZ.